

Bristol Bay Trip

May 31, 2011 – June 4, 2011

Pre-Brief, May 17, 2011

AGENDA

Purposes of Trip

- To see the Pebble Mine site, the environmental setting and some of the communities.
- To interact with the communities and people and learn about their concerns and issues.

Background – Power Point

Geographic Setting

Tribes/Native Corporations

Government to Government consultation

Tribal Consultation Plan

Public Meetings (5 in 3 days)

- At Iliamna and Dillingham, Region 10 tribal Staff will facilitate the meeting. At the three river villages, Rick Parkin will work with the locals to facilitate the meetings.
- Iliamna
 - Nuna Resources, Iliamna Development Corporation, Lake and Peninsula Corporation, other corporations, a number of Tribes and Pebble.
 - Most people will be opposed to an Advance 404(c)
 - We have already met with most of the organizations that will be there.
 - They will be pleased that you have taken the time to get out there and see what is going on.
- Ekwok, New Stuyahok and Koliganek
 - In these 3 villages the majority of the attendees will be opposed to the mine and in support of an Advance 404(c).
 - They will be pleased that you have taken the time to visit their villages.
- Dillingham
 - People will be generally opposed to the mine and supportive of an advanced 404(c) but it may be more mixed since it is a bigger town and folks from other areas may attend.

Itinerary and Logistics

Review attached itinerary

Logistics/Helpful Travel Information

- Small airplanes can be cold, noisy and bumpy. They usually have ear plugs available at the terminal. Grab a pair. Have your coat gloves and hat handy.
- Helicopter – same as above but even more bumpy.
- We will be on a fast, open boat on a big river. Be prepared for cold and dress appropriately.
- Prepare for cold, rainy and breezy weather – dress in layers.

Gear:

- Try to stay under 50 pounds of gear.
- A couple small bags are better than 1 large bag.
- Warm Coat
- Gloves
- Hat
- Hiking Boots
- Sun glasses
- Sun Screen
- Bug repellent
- Binoculars
- Camera
- Band-aids

Travel Costs

Pebble Tour

- Costs: Below are the costs for the Pebble Site tour - broken out by segments - these costs are per person and **will need to be paid by check:**
 - Seat Fare on Iliamna Air Taxi departing Anchorage at 7:30 am on June 1- \$230.00 (one way)
 - Seat fare cost for helicopter flight to deposit and other parts of mine tour - \$480.00
 - Total cost (including lunch) = \$710
 - You can make the checks out to Pebble Ltd Partnership. Checks can be sent to Heidi Franklin (address provided upon request) either before or after the tour or can be hand delivered while in Iliamna to John Shively.

Other Iliamna Air Flights

- Iliamna to Ekwok - June 2 – 9:00 a.m. - \$191.25 per traveler payable on arrival for the flight.
- Koliganek to Dillingham – June 3 - 9:00 a.m. –\$281.25.
- Dillingham to Anchorage – June 3 - 1:00 p.m. – \$440
- **These 3 flights can be paid for on arrival for the flight in Iliamna on June 2. You may be able to use a credit card but have your check book just in case.**

Boat Trip - Pay by check \$333.33

Lodging

- Illiamna
 - The Roadside Inn is clean, comfortable and modern.
 - Lunch at the Pebble Site, dinner at the Public Meeting.
 - We will rent a truck at this village.
- Koliganek
 - The Ketok Lodge pictures on the internet look very nice
<http://www.bbna.com/biz/skogan/b&bhomme.html> and they serve home cooking.
- **You will need to pay by check** at both the Roadside Inn and the Ketok B&B

Main Messages (Talking Points will be provided prior to trip)

- EPA received requests from Tribes and other entities to take regulatory action regarding sulfide mineral mining in Bristol Bay prior to any permit applications
- EPA also received several requests to allow the permit process to run its normal course.
- **EPA has not decided whether to take any kind of action prior to the permitting process.**
- **The purpose of the watershed assessment is to learn as much as possible about the watersheds and the issues to inform any future decisions and our response to the requests that we have received.**
- **This assessment will allow us to understand the science and the situation as well as possible before responding to these significant requests.**
- We have come here to see the mining site and the environment first hand and to meet you and learn the issues and concerns and perhaps see them first hand.
- The assessment is proceeding. The schedule is flexible but we aim to have a draft document in the Fall of this year and a final document next spring.